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Re: Application No. 10/031,776 - Corrected amendment of claims

Dear Alex P. Rada,

This is a reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment which was mailed 01/27/2006.

My understanding is that the issue is that Claims 2-7 were not mentioned in the amended claims. I therefore attach a corrected version of the Claim listing, including Claims 2-7 (attached two pages). I have also added some space between the lines. The marking are of changes compared to the previous varsion, in the last supplemental brief. For completion, I repeat the list of changes below.

As I wrote in my 01/22/2006 letter, I believe that the 01/22/2006 letter, together with the corrected amendment to the Claims which are attached here, answers all the issues that were raised in the non-final action of the 12/29/2005. I therefore ask that the application will be reconsider and will be allowed.

Modification to the claims:

- 1) Removing the hardware implementation details, including the concept of "games manager". This is not part of the inventive part of the current application.
- 2) Changing everything to be described in terms of behaviour of the board, without any reference to an external agency.
- 3) Introducing the concept of "current player's colour" before the main description, and referring to it consistently. The "current player's colour" corresponds to the "colour of the player" in the second paragraph of page 2 of the description. It is also referred to as "player's colour" in the first paragraph of page 4, and in the previous version of Claim 1. In paragraph 2 on page 7 it is referred to as "current_player".
- 4) Introduce "fixed number". This is described in the second paragraph on page 2. Also referred to as "minimum 'visibility"
- 5) refer to the other colour as "the other colour", rather than "the opponent colour".
- 6) Add claims 2-7 to the listing.

Thanks,

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